

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
SEAN WIRTH**

EDUCATION

B.S., Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, 1988.

M.A., English Literature, San Francisco State, 1991.

SELECTED COMMITTEES AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Founding member of Save our Sandhill Cranes (SOSC) in 2006.

- Has been an active member of the executive committee and conservation chair since the founding.

Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS) board member starting in 2007

- Executive committee member since 2010

Co-chair of Habitat 2020, habitat subcommittee of ECOS, since 2010

Executive member of Sacramento Group of the Sierra Club (2008 to 2016)

- Served as conservation chair for the group.

Executive Committee and Conservation Committee member of the Mother Lode Chapter of the Sierra Club, which encompasses 24 northern California counties and 11 Sierra Club Groups, since 2010.

- Chair of the Conservation Committee since 2013.

Active member of a coalition which aims to foster the collaborative long-term conservation and recovery of Greater Sandhill Cranes. The coalition is known as the Crane Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and is composed of state and federal wildlife regulatory agency individuals, preserve and refuge managers, crane biologists, environmentalists, and wildlife ecologists. Active member since 2016.

EXPERIENCE

Mr. Wirth has been an environmental stakeholder for the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan since 2006. He attended all of the stakeholder, biological sub committee, and economics meetings since 2006, and was an active participant in the Regulatory Agency Working Group meetings leading up to the draft release this last June. His involvement helped refine the conservation strategy for many terrestrial species in the western part of the Plan area, as well as resulted in new approaches to implementing the Conservation Strategy, such as early enrollment in the Plan for Landowners who wish to take advantage of conservation easements on their property.

He has reviewed the biological resource chapters of CEQA documents and provided comments for SOSC, ECOS, Habitat 2020, and the Sierra Club for the last ten years. These comments have resulted in the improvement of numerous projects.

He was an active stakeholder in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) terrestrial species stakeholder meetings where he helped to refine both the Avoidance and Minimization Measures (AMMs) and mitigations for Greater Sandhill Crane.

He provided language for the Crane TAC conservation strategy that deals with threats of urbanization and the need to address Sandhill Crane habitat needs in local General Plan updates and local policy.

He worked with Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) and UC Davis on the creation of a regional open space conservation tool that could be used to assess the impact on various resources based on various development scenarios.